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I. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the following listing:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A solid pharmaceutical dosage form comprising a solid particulate dispersion of a pharmaceutical agent in a matrix, the pharmaceutical agent being sparingly water-soluble and comprising crystalline particles dispersed in the matrix to enhance the dissolution rate of the pharmaceutical agent in water, the matrix directly contacting the pharmaceutical agent and consisting of a water-soluble polymer, wherein the solid particulate dispersion is made by mixing the pharmaceutical agent and the polymer at a temperature sufficiently high to melt or soften the polymer, but insufficiently high to melt the pharmaceutical agent so that a matrix coating on the particulate drug substance can be formed, and wherein the solid pharmaceutical dosage form is an orally deliverable form.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The dosage form of Claim 1 wherein the pharmaceutical agent is a glitazone.

Claims 3-4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (previously presented): The dosage form of Claim 1 wherein the polymer is hydroxypropyl cellulose.

Claims 6-9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (previously presented): The dosage form of Claim 1 wherein said dosage form comprises 75 % by weight of said pharmaceutical agent.

Claims 11-20 (canceled)

Claim 21 (currently amended): A solid pharmaceutical dosage form for oral delivery comprising a solid particulate dispersion of a pharmaceutical agent in a matrix, the pharmaceutical agent being sparingly water-soluble and comprising crystalline particles dispersed in the matrix to enhance the dissolution rate of the pharmaceutical

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agent in water, the matrix directly contacting the pharmaceutical agent and consisting of at least one water-soluble polymer, wherein the pharmaceutical agent is a glitazone and the solid particulate dispersion is made by mixing the pharmaceutical agent and the polymer at a temperature sufficiently high to melt or soften the polymer, but insufficiently high to melt the pharmaceutical agent so that a matrix coating on the pharmaceutical agent can be formed.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The dosage form of Claim 21 wherein the polymer is hydroxypropyl cellulose.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The dosage form of Claim 21 wherein the pharmaceutical agent and the polymer are present at a weight ratio of 75:25, respectively.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The dosage form of Claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutical agent comprises about 10 % to about 90 % of the solid particulate dispersion by weight.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The dosage form of Claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutical agent comprises about 20 % to about 80 % of the solid particulate dispersion by weight.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The dosage form of Claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutical agent comprises about 40 % to about 80 % of the solid particulate dispersion by weight.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The dosage form of Claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutical agent comprises about 50 % to about 80 % of the solid particulate dispersion by weight.